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FUNERAL OF THE GYPSY QUEEN, MATILDA STANLEY, AT DAYTON—25,000 PERSONS PRESENT. 1897

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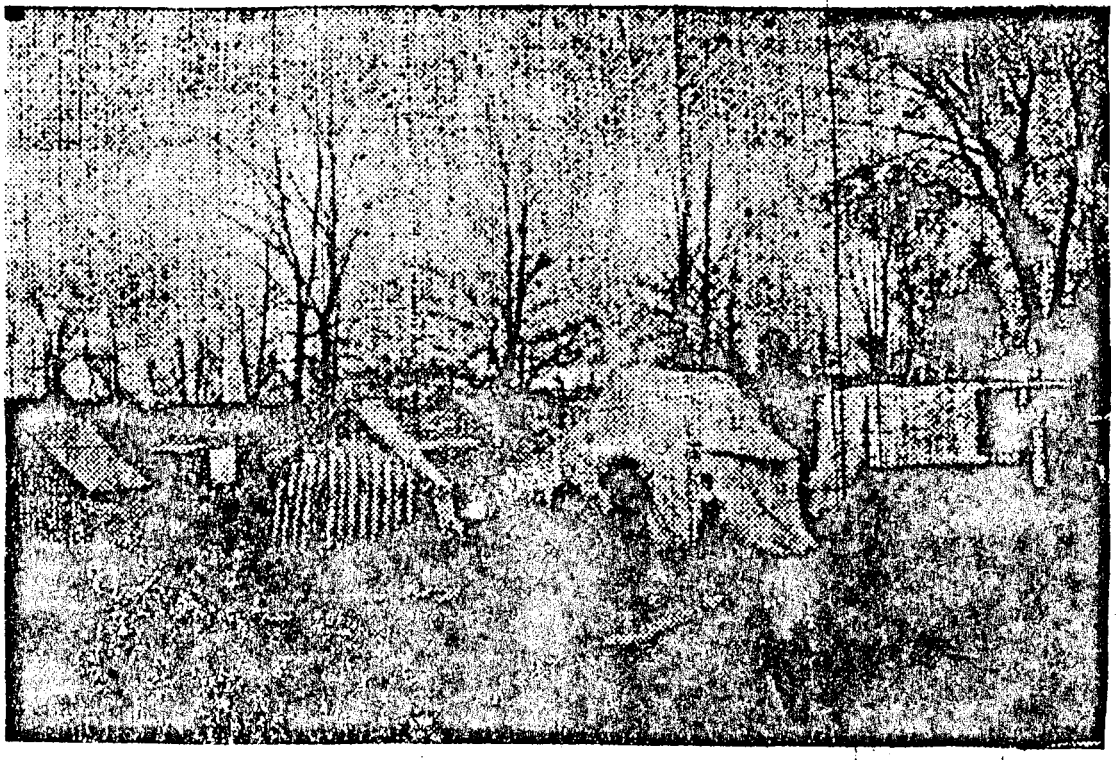

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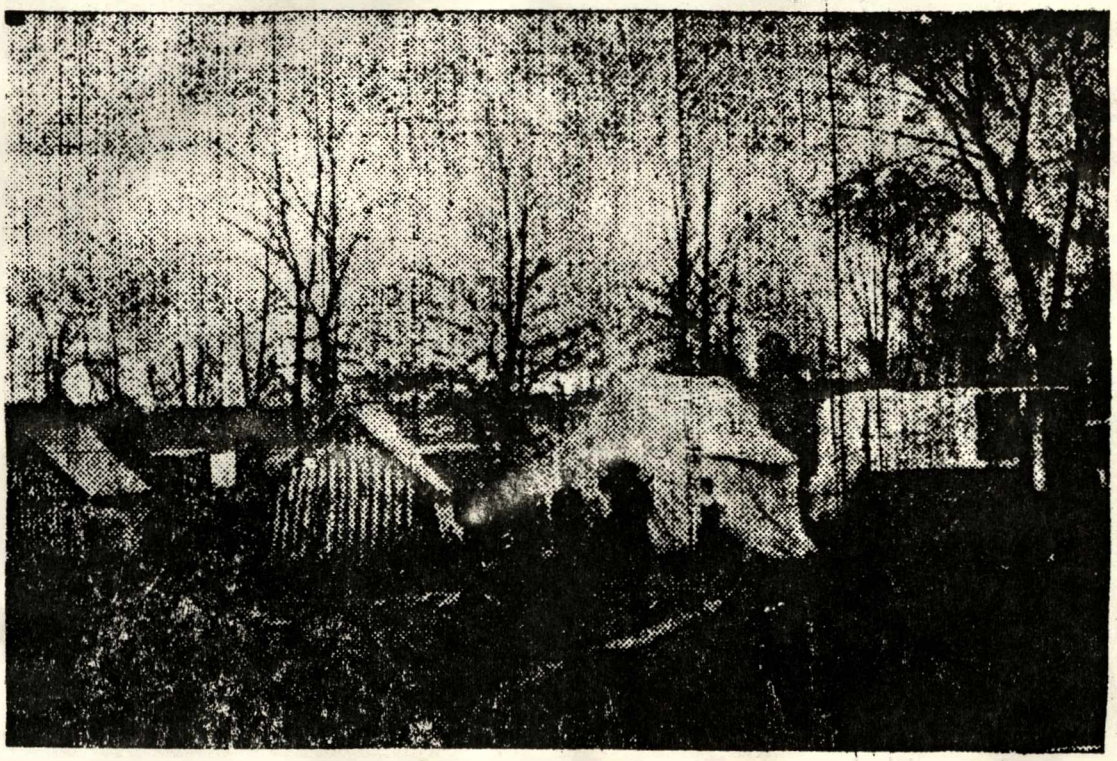

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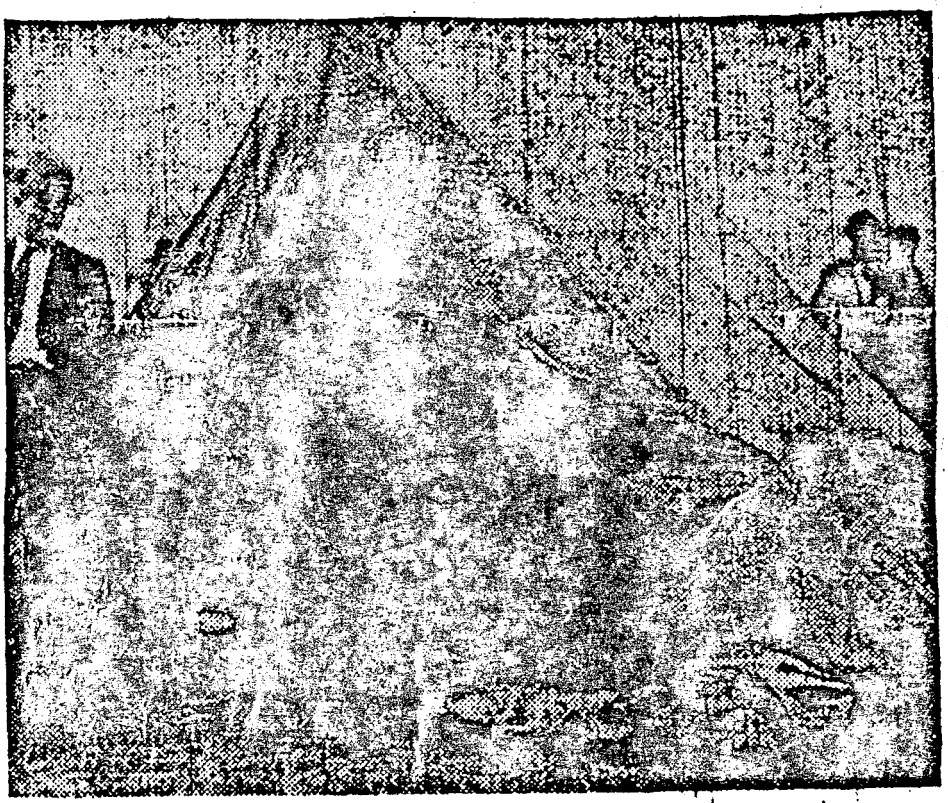

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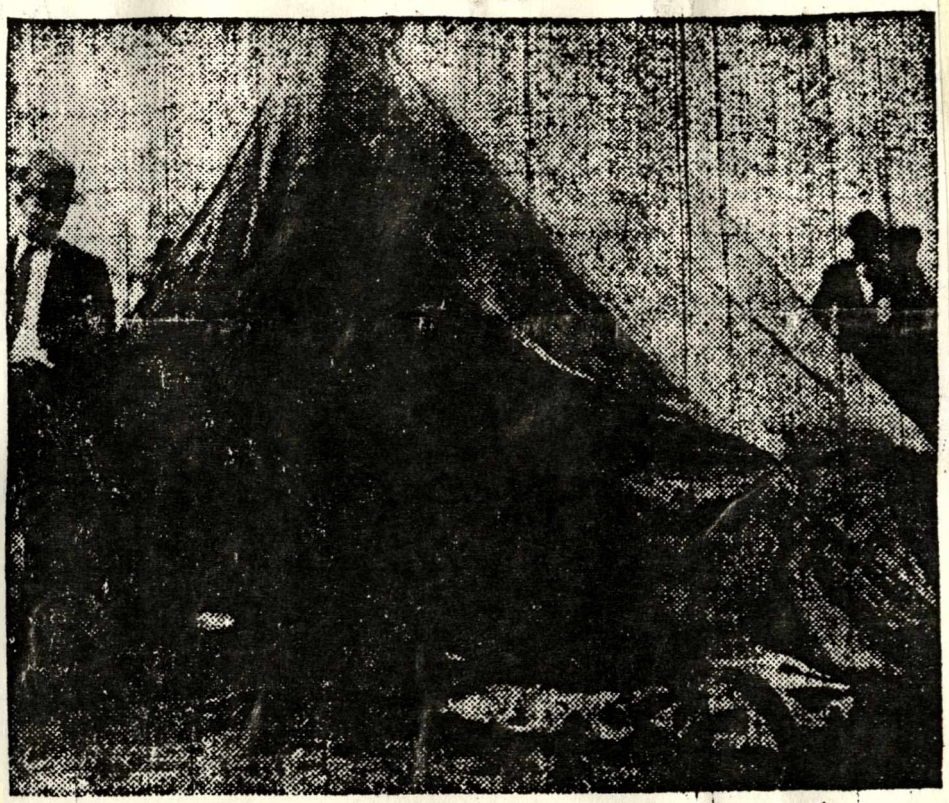

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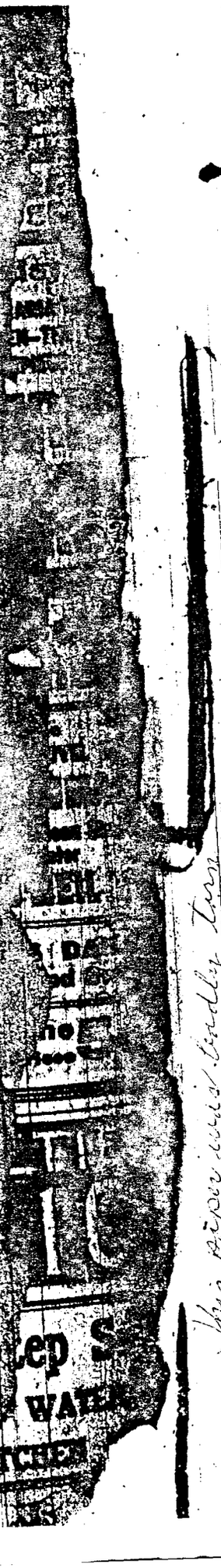

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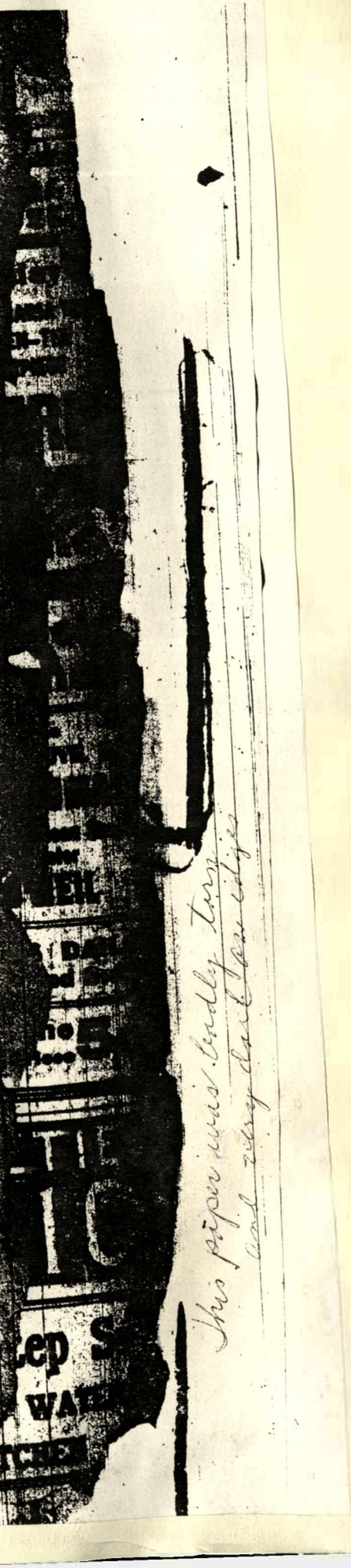

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The bullet which killed the elder Riska entered his head at the mouth. Coroner Jett, who conducted the examination at the morgue, located the bullet in the skull. Mrs. Demetro's wound indicated that she had been shot down without warning, and the police believe that she was probably shot in bed.

The bodies of all three were found by the police outside of the tents, and it is believed that they were dragged from the places by members of the band before their arrival. The bodies of the two men were found in front of their tent, while the body of the woman was lying in front of the tent she occupied with her husband. One bed in the tent of the two men was besmeared with blood, as was also the woman's bed.

In the tent occupied by Demetro the police found the weapon, a Winchester magazine rifle, having a capacity of 16 shots. Two 22-calibre repeating rifles, fully loaded, were also found in the tent. Demetro, when arrested, had $206 in his possession, and in the mattress of one of the beds was found $1,500, thought to belong to Demetro, which was given to the head of the band.

Mrs. Riska, dressed picturesquely in bright colored attire and with her hair plaited with silver half dollars, was brought to police headquarters. She was in a frantic state from grief and on the verge of a collapse.

Insists on Seeing Body.

Unable to speak a word of the English language she was questioned through an interpreter. Later she insisted on viewing the body of her husband. She was taken to the Hickman morgue, where she burst forth in violent emotion. Attendants were unable to keep her under control.

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After reconoitering, McDonald rode around the hill in a wagon, while the rest of the party crept closer to the camp. Demetro was standing between two tents, still holding the gun menacingly, while terrorized women and children stood nearby, fearing to move. The police shouted to the women to get away from the Brazilian. At first they apparently feared to do so, for they hesitated for a few minutes; then suddenly they started to run from the scene.

Shortly after this McDonald succeeded in getting in good range of Demetro, who seemingly was ignorant of his approach. When the Brazilian did notice the deputy sheriff he looked also into the barrel of an old army rifle and into the eyes of a determined officer of the law. He walked coolly into his tent and reappeared with his hands held high above his head.

Nugent and his party immediately took possession of the prisoner. Together with several other witnesses, including his son Adolph, Demetro was hastened to police headquarters.

Each of the three victims of Demetro was wounded in vital parts. Joe Riska, who at the Union Hospital has displayed remarkable vitality, according to physicians, was shot through the head. The bullet, which pierced the brain, was removed. Risko persistently clings to life. Physicians, however, say he cannot survive.

Mrs. Demetro was shot through the heart, the bullet entering the back at about the middle portion of the left side between the hip and the shoulder, taking an upward trend and escaping from the body at the left side of the breast.

The bullet which killed the elder Riska entered his head at the mouth. Coroner Jett, who conducted the examination at the morgue, located the bullet in the skull. Mrs. Demetro's wound indicated that she had been shot down without warning, and the police believe that she was probably shot in bed.

The bodies of all three were found by the police outside of the tents, and it is believed that they were dragged from the places by members of the band before their arrival. The bodies of the two men were found in front of their tent, while the body of the woman was lying in front of the tent she occupied with her husband. One bed in the tent of the two men was besmeared with blood, as was also the woman's bed

In the tent occupied by Demetro the police found the weapon, a Winchester magazine rifle, having a capacity of 16 shots. Two 22-calibre repeating rifles, fully loaded, were also found in the tent. Demetro, when arrested, had $206 in his possession, and in the mattress of one of the beds was found $1,500, thought to belong to Demetro, which was given to the head of the band.

Mrs. Riska, dressed picturesquely in bright colored attire and with her hair plaited with silver half dollars, was brought to police headquarters. She was in a frantic state from grief and on the verge of a collapse.

Insists on Seeing Body.

Unable to speak a word of the English language she was questioned through an interpreter. Later she insisted on viewing the body of her husband. She was taken to the Hickman morgue, where she burst forth in violent emotion. Attendants were unable to keep her under control.

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May 5, 1914 Tribune

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At this point the wife of Bob came to the graves, bearing an armful of cut flowers and a basket containing potted geraniums. The cut flowers were carefully placed on Bob's grave, five geraniums also, and one geranium at the head of each of the other graves. Only at the last of her part of the burial rites did the young wife show any emotions. Suddenly she broke into a wailing chant, similar to that of Catherine.

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Hands Tied With Silk.

Several parts of the funeral ceremonies appeared remarkably queer to local people. Tuesday the hands of the three victims of Demetro were tied together with silk. Yesterday they were united and the pieces of silk carefully put away by the mourners.

From indications Bob Riska was a popular member of the tribe. Upon his grave his comrades placed large heaps of flowers, and at all times Catherine, and other members of the tribe, stood nearest the grave. Their ceremonies appeared to be more particularly for him than the others. At no time during the mouring did tears come to the faces of the band, all bearing their loss stoically and without facial expression.

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During Tuesday morning and afternoon and yesterday morning there was a constant stream of people through the Hickman chapel in east Wabash avenue. It was estimated by the funeral directors that between 6,000 and 7,000 people saw the bodies. Tuesday evening the number of people was so large that the door was closed against any more. During the funeral services at the chapel yesterday afternoon, it was almost impossible to move, because of the crowd.

At the cemetery curiosity seekers crowded around the graves and at times it was almost impossible for any of the Gypsies to move. When Catherine Riska fainted, the crowd left the graves and crowded around her, greatly hampering the work of two Terre Haute women who assisted in restoring her.

Hands Tied With Silk.

Several parts of the funeral ceremonies appeared remarkably queer to local people. Tuesday the hands of the three victims of Demetro were tied together with silk. Yesterday they were united and the pieces of silk carefully put away by the mourners.

From indications Bob Riska was a popular member of the tribe. Upon his grave his comrades placed large heaps of flowers, and at all times Catherine, and other members of the tribe, stood nearest the grave. Their ceremonies appeared to be more particularly for him than the others. At no time during the mouring did tears come to the faces of the band, all bearing their loss stoically and without facial expression.

Miller, head man of the tribe, is prominent in fraternal circles and carries membership cards in Chicago lodges of the Free and Accepted Masons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.